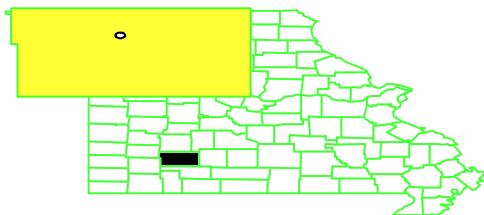


**NORTH-U DRIVE  
WELL  
CONTAMINATION  
MISSOURI  
EPA ID# MOD007163108**

**EPA Region 7  
City: North of Springfield  
County: Greene County  
Other Names:**



## **SITE DESCRIPTION**

In 1983, the residents near the North-U Drive Well Contamination site became concerned over the taste of their drinking water. When the State investigated, it discovered that seven private wells at five locations were contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOC)s. The EPA extended public water supply lines to the affected homes as a Removal Action. The source of the contamination was unknown when the contamination was discovered. There is no defined site boundary. This site is in a rural residential area just north of Springfield with approximately 300 people living within a 1/4 mile radius. The contaminated wells are located 1,500 feet west of Fulbright Spring, an alternate source of municipal drinking water for the City of Springfield, which has a population of 133,000.

### **Site Responsibility:**

This site was addressed through Federal and State actions.

### **NPL LISTING HISTORY**

<b>Proposed Date:</b>	10/15/84
<b>Final Date:</b>	06/10/86
<b>Deleted Date:</b>	09/08/94

## **THREATS AND CONTAMINANTS**

Soil and groundwater in the private wells are contaminated with VOCs including toluene and benzene. The majority of the private wells have been plugged and do

not pose no human exposure. However, a few owners have refused to have their wells plugged and were using contaminated groundwater for drinking. Subsequently, public drinking water has been available to more of the area residents. However, having discovered that the contamination is related to petroleum products, the EPA does not have authority under Superfund to address such releases. Recently, metals were found in some nearby private wells; however, there are no known nearby sources of metal contamination. The metals found in groundwater may be a natural phenomenon resulting from metals in local soils or bedrock or could be attributed to plumbing. Because the bedrock is fractured, it may allow contaminants to migrate from the immediate area in directions and at speeds which would not otherwise be expected.

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## CLEANUP APPROACH

### Response Action Status

**Immediate Actions:** In 1985, the EPA extended the Springfield public water supply lines to North-U Drive. In addition, 67 private wells were plugged permanently to prevent their use and to prevent the well casings from serving as conduits of deep aquifer contamination.

**Entire Site:** The Missouri Department of Natural Resources conducted a remedial investigation (RI) into the nature and extent of site contamination. Data from this investigation was used by the EPA to determine that the releases were from petroleum products. In early 1993, a remedy was selected in which the EPA determined that it could not undertake additional response actions to address the organic contaminants in the groundwater because the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act "Petroleum Exclusion" precludes Superfund response actions for the release of petroleum products. The site has been deleted from the NPL.

### Site Facts:

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS



Extending public water lines and plugging 67 private wells to prevent further use have eliminated the potential of exposure to hazardous substances in the drinking water and will continue to protect households around North-U Drive Well Contamination Site.

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## SITE REPOSITORY



Kearney Branch Library, 630 W.  
Kearney, Springfield, MO 65801

Superfund Records Center  
901 N. 5th St.  
Kansas City, KS 66101  
Mail Stop SUPR  
(913)551-4038

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## REGIONAL CONTACTS

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**COORDINATOR:**

**PHONE NUMBER:**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER:**

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**STATE CONTACT:**

**PHONE NUMBER:**

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## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**STATE:**

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

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**EPA ORGANIZATION:**

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## MODIFICATIONS